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REQUEST FOR **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAI** Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_ ii. DO NOT ENTER the amendment(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. An alternate submission is attached. Enclosed submission: C. Information Disclosure Statement  $\boxtimes$ Amendment/Reply i. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv.  $\square$ Other: ii. 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.) 3. Fees 04/14/2006 SDENBOB1 00000077 09074472 ★ The filing fee is calculated as follows: 01 FC:1801 \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 790.00 NO ii. Petition for extension of time for iii. П Other ☐ Check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed. b. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit C. Account No. 06-0916. Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required Reg. No.: 52,138 Name: Maryann T. Puglielli Date: April 13, 2006 Signature: Maryann Certificate of Mailing or Transmission I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, MAIL STOP RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: Date: Signature: